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Letter dated 14 March 1997 from the Permanent Representative of the Netherlands to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to bring to your attention the statement issued on 7 March 1997 by the Presidency on behalf of the European Union regarding Zaire. The English and French texts are attached.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter and its annex circulated as an official document of the General Assembly and the Security Council.

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Annex

Statement issued on 7 March 1997 by the Presidency on behalf of the European Union regarding Zaire

The European Union reiterates its support for the efforts of the United Nations/Organization of African Unity special envoy for the Great Lakes region to achieve a peaceful solution to the conflict in eastern Zaire.

In this connection the European Union welcomes the Zairian authorities' agreement to the five-point peace plan contained in United Nations Security Council resolution 1097 (1997). It regards this as an important step to be taken into account in advancing the process.

It calls upon all parties involved in the crisis in Zaire to endorse the peace plan put forward by the special representative of the United Nations and Organization of African Unity Secretaries-General and to give effect to its various provisions.

The European Union will continue its action vis-à-vis all its partners in the international community for the swift, full application of the United Nations and OAU peace plan.